

AMENDMENT

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LE9-99-111**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed June 12, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful consideration of the previous arguments and withdrawal of the previous rejections. Claims 1-9, 16-31 and 38-41 appear to be rejected only on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,498,611. U.S. Patent No. 6,498,611 is assigned to Lexmark International, Inc. by way of an assignment recorded at Reel/Frame 010544/0269 and thus is commonly owned with the present application. To overcome this rejection, applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and the accompanying fee. Accordingly, applicants request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, early allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner desires personal contact for further disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at 603.668.6560.

In the event there are any fees due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,

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